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## AB 900 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

On May 3, 2007, a historic and comprehensive corrections overhaul bill, Assembly Bill 900 (Solorio; D-Anaheim), was signed into law. AB 900 addresses health care space deficiencies and overcrowding in California's prisons and provides resources to improve public safety by reducing the rates at which inmates re-victimize communities and return to prison. AB 900 authorized more than \$7 billion in bond funding for state prison projects, reentry facilities, and local jail beds to ease the overcrowding in California's prisons and local jails. It provides resources to improve public safety by reducing recidivism rates. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has started construction on seven state healthcare facilities, with many more in the planning and design phase. Additionally, CDCR is planning the construction of new secure reentry facilities and several high-security expansions at several existing prison sites. Finally, three local jail projects funded by AB 900 have also broken ground with others in the planning and approval stages.

**State Prison Projects:** AB 900 authorized \$3.5 billion in lease revenue bonds to build new beds and additional treatment and programming space at existing prisons. These facilities will address severe shortages in medical beds and treatment space, and housing for maximum-security reception center inmates, in addition to necessary programming space to support this expanded capacity. All of these projects are being designed to achieve LEED silver certification. Each of the projects will generate significant temporary and permanent jobs in the community, as well as an indeterminate amount of jobs that are generated indirectly as a result of increased patronage of local services.

Currently, nearly 10,000 beds are planned with additional space to provide health care to thousands more. Several projects have broken ground, with others to immediately follow as indicated below:

### **California Medical Facility (Vacaville)**

On June 15, 2010, CDCR broke ground on its first AB 900 construction project, a 64-bed intermediate-care mental health facility at California Medical Facility in Vacaville. <http://cdcrtoday.blogspot.com/2010/06/cdcr-breaks-ground-on-first-ab-900.html>

### ***Construction Quick Facts***

- Architectural firm: Nacht and Lewis
- Construction management firm: Vanir
- Contractor: Brown Construction Inc., of West Sacramento
- Total revised estimated project cost: \$33,671,000
- Construction timeline: April 2010 start, September 2011 completion

- Estimated temporary construction jobs: 200 to 300 temporary jobs
- Facility occupancy: December 2011
- Permanent (on-site) jobs: Approximately 160
- Contract #: FAC.09014.
- Link to video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3g12VjKYuo>

### **California Institution for Women (Chino)**

On June 17, 2010, CDCR broke ground on the second mental health facility in a week. The project, a 45-bed acute/intermediate-care mental health facility, will serve female inmates at California Institution for Women in Corona, and was authorized by AB 900. This project bid significantly under the State's estimate due to extremely favorable market conditions emanating from a weakened economy.

[http://cdcrtoday.blogspot.com/2010/06/cdcr-breaks-ground-on-second-ab-900\\_17.html](http://cdcrtoday.blogspot.com/2010/06/cdcr-breaks-ground-on-second-ab-900_17.html)

#### ***Construction Quick Facts***

- Architectural firm: Nacht and Lewis
- Construction management firm: Gilbane Building Company
- Contractor: Soltek Pacific Construction, San Diego
- Total revised estimated project cost: \$33,763,000
- Construction timeline: May 2010 start, December 2011 completion
- Estimated temporary construction jobs: 200 to 300 temporary jobs
- Facility occupancy: March 2012
- Permanent (on-site) jobs: Approximately 230
- Contract #: FAC.09018.

### **California Health Care Facility (Stockton)**

On November 4, 2010, CDCR broke ground for a 1.2 million square-foot prison medical facility on 400 acres of state-owned land south of Stockton. The facility will provide medical and mental health treatment with up to 1,722 beds for patient-inmates and the project will be constructed in multiple phases. The Site Preparation contract and the Hazardous Materials Removal contract are underway. Two large design build packages follow to build the required structures and selections for both have been finalized. Both contracts are planned for award in Summer 2011. A project website has been created to keep the community informed about the progress of the construction, construction jobs available and job opportunities within the facility once it is opened.

Project website: <http://www.chcfstockton.com/>

#### ***Construction Quick Facts***

- Construction management firm: URS Corp., San Francisco
- Architectural firm: Kitchell CEM, Sacramento
- Site Preparation contract: CDCR Inmate Ward Labor Program
- Hazardous Materials Removal contract: OC Jones
- Selected design build contractor for bid packages #1 and #2: Granite and Hensel Phelps construction companies (Bid Package #1) and Clark and McCarthy construction companies (Bid Package #2)
- Total estimated project cost: \$906 million
- Construction timeline: November 2010 start, July 2013 completion

- Estimated temporary construction jobs created: 5,500 (1,200 onsite)
- Facility occupancy: December 2013
- Permanent (on-site) jobs: Approximately 2,400.

### **California Men's Colony (San Luis Obispo)**

CDCR began construction activities at the California Men's Colony in January 2011 for a 50-bed mental health crisis unit. The estimated cost of construction has been significantly reduced due to continued favorable bid climate conditions. This project is critical to CDCR to meet its significant shortage of mental health crisis beds.

#### ***Construction Quick Facts***

- Architectural firm: Nacht and Lewis
- Construction management firm: Arcadis
- Contractor: Soltek Pacific Construction, San Diego
- Total revised estimated project cost: \$35,761,000
- Construction timeline: February 2011 start, September 2012 completion
- Estimated temporary construction jobs: 200 to 300 temporary jobs
- Facility occupancy: Estimated November 2012
- Total permanent (on-site) jobs: Approximately 196.

### **California Medical Facility (Vacaville)**

CDCR began construction activities in March 2011 on a 44,000 square foot building on the grounds of the prison to provide additional treatment and office space for mental health patients. CDCR has just awarded this contract to Roebbelen Construction, El Dorado Hills, and expects to complete the project by February 2013.

#### ***Construction Quick Facts***


- Architectural firm: Nacht and Lewis
- Construction management firm: Gkkworks
- Contractor: Roebbelen Construction
- Total estimated project cost: \$24,207,000
- Construction timeline: March 2011 start, February 2013 completion
- Estimated temporary construction jobs: 200 to 300 temporary jobs
- Facility occupancy: Estimated April 2013
- Total permanent (on-site) jobs: Approximately 40.

### **DeWitt-Nelson YCF Conversion (Stockton)**

Approved December 30, 2010. CDCR anticipates an August 2011 PWB in order to proceed with its design. Construction is to start Fall 2011, with an estimated completion by August 2013, and the current estimated cost of this project is \$188 million. This project is a renovation and reuse of the former Dewitt-Nelson Youth Correctional Facility in San Joaquin County (closed in 2008) as a 1,133-bed adult correctional facility with a mental health treatment mission. This project will also be designed and built using Design-Build authority.

### **Estrella (Paso Robles)**

Approved December 30, 2010. CDCR finalized the Environmental Impact Report on AB



900-funded projects proposed on the grounds of a former juvenile correctional facility in Paso Robles. The project is to convert a former juvenile correctional facility (El Paso de Robles) to house 1,000 adult inmates with medical needs. The estimated cost for this project is \$110 million. The Department is awaiting approval of its preliminary plan drawings from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and upon approval, will establish a construction schedule. *Paso Robles Property Master Reuse Plan*:  
[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports\\_Research/Environmental/Paso\\_Robles\\_MRP.html](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Environmental/Paso_Robles_MRP.html)

#### **Heman G. Stark Conversion (Chino)**

CDCR submitted a plan for legislative consideration in July 2010 to convert the former juvenile facility into a 2,899 bed facility housing reception center for inmates who require health care services, including medical and mental health treatment. The Legislature did not concur with establishing this project. CDCR is working with court representatives and others to identify alternatives for housing this population as well as alternative uses for the Stark facility.

#### **California State Prison – Sacramento, Enhanced Outpatient Program (Represa)**

This \$12,177,000 project provides for treatment and office space to serve 192 inmates requiring mental health services. CDCR's Inmate Ward Labor (IWL) crew comprised of inmates housed at CSP SAC, along with skilled tradesman from the local community teaching and supervising this work, are performing this construction. The project started in October 2010 and will be complete in November 2011.

#### **Lancaster State Prison, LAC (Lancaster)**

This \$11,490,000 project provides for treatment and office space to serve 150 inmates requiring mental health services. CDCR's Inmate Ward labor (IWL) crew, comprised of inmates housed at LAC, along with skilled tradesman from the local community teaching and supervising this work, are performing this construction. The project started in February 2011 and will be completed by July 2012.

#### **Central California Women's Facility (Chowchilla)**

Legislatively approved November 2010. This \$17,743 000 project will provide treatment and office space to serve inmates requiring mental health treatment at the prison. CDCR commenced design in March 2011 and expects to commence construction in August 2012, with a planned October 2013 completion.

#### **Corcoran (Kings County)**

The preliminary plans for this \$16,502,000 project were approved in March 2011. A new 14,932 square foot building will be built on the grounds of the prison to provide mental health treatment and office space for 99 inmates serving their sentence at this prison. CDCR anticipates construction completion of this project in February 2013.

#### **Salinas Valley State Prison (Soledad)**

The preliminary plans for this \$25,399,000 project were approved in January 2011. This project will provide treatment and office space to serve up to 300 inmates requiring mental health treatment at the prison. CDCR anticipates construction completion of this project in July 2013.

## **AB 900 Statewide Healthcare Facility Improvement Program**

CDCR is seeking approval for projects funded in the first phase of this \$700 million program. These improvements are intended to remedy deficiencies in health care space at each prison within CDCR's portfolio. Initially, CDCR will be submitting projects planned at R.J. Donovan (San Diego), California Medical Facility, and Solano Prison (Vacaville), Sacramento and Folsom Prison (Folsom), and the California Institute for Men (CIM).

**Secure Reentry Facility Projects** – AB 900 authorized \$2.6 billion in Secure Reentry Facilities, small and secure centers that provide offenders with job training, mental health and substance-abuse counseling, housing placement, and other programs in the critical few months just prior to their release. Currently, up to 10,000 beds can be provided using this appropriation. A dozen counties have signed agreements to support a reentry facility. One project has been approved to date to be built in Stockton to provide reentry programs for inmates returning to the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, and Amador. Other sites that have community agreements to support a reentry facility are being reviewed in light of Realignment to verify the population that will be served. CDCR continues to work with local cities and counties to identify future potential sites for these facilities.

**Northern California Reentry Facility (Stockton):** Approved December 30, 2010. Groundbreaking date TBD. This project, with a total budget of \$116,811,000, will renovate the former Northern California Women's Facility to provide 500 reentry beds, programming, and treatment and support services to inmates who qualify for CDCR's Reentry Program. The project is in the final stages of preparing its preliminary plans and the department expects to seek Public Works Board (PWB) approval of these plans in October 2011. Construction will commence in 2012 and be completed in 2013.  
<http://cdcrtoday.blogspot.com/2010/12/three-ab-900-correctional-facility.html>

**Infill (High-Security) Beds:** AB 900 authorized \$2.4 billion to fund new or renovated facilities at existing prison sites. Much of these funds have been earmarked to provide healthcare facilities as described above. A significant portion of these funds may also be used to build at least two new high-security additions to existing prisons. Available land on the grounds of Wasco State Prison may allow for expansion of this site and a similar analysis is underway at other facilities in both Northern and Southern California.

**Local Jail Beds:** Many local jail facilities are suffering from overcrowding and in some cases, facing court-ordered population caps. AB 900 authorized \$1.2 billion to help fund jail expansion. Counties must first agree to site a state reentry facility in exchange for this funding. Some counties are proceeding with their jail projects as outlined below. Others, despite the financial assistance of the State's AB 900 funding, are electing to delay their projects until local funding availability improves.

**Corrections Standards Authority Jail Financing Website:**

[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/CSA/CFC/AB900\\_Program.html](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/CSA/CFC/AB900_Program.html)

**Corrections Standard Authority Conditional Awards:**

[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/CSA/CFC/Docs/AB\\_900\\_Phase\\_I\\_Funding\\_111909.pdf](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/CSA/CFC/Docs/AB_900_Phase_I_Funding_111909.pdf)



**San Bernardino County Jail (Adelanto):** Groundbreaking ceremony occurred December 15, 2010 with Governor Schwarzenegger, CDCR, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and San Bernardino County officials. The county- and state-funded project will build a 1,368-bed jail at an estimated cost of \$120 million. The state's \$83 million share will be funded by AB 900 lease revenue proceeds. The Town of Apple Valley entered into an option agreement to allow the state to build a secure reentry facility in Apple Valley. <http://cdcrtoday.blogspot.com/2010/12/gov-schwarzenegger-celebrates-first.html>

**Calaveras County Jail:** Groundbreaking ceremony occurred December 17, 2010. CDCR Secretary Matthew Cate and Calaveras County officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for a major jail expansion that will quadruple the county's jail capacity. The Corrections Standard Authority (CSA) conditionally awarded \$26,387,591 to Calaveras County to build the Calaveras County Adult Detention Facility, which will provide 160 new beds. Originally built in 1963, the jail in Calaveras County has 65 beds. With limited space and a court ordered population cap, the county was forced to release offenders before they had completed their full sentences. <http://cdcrtoday.blogspot.com/2010/12/calaveras-county-holds-groundbreaking.html>

**Madera County Jail:**

This county- and state-funded project will provide 144 new jail beds at a cost of approximately \$34 million. The project was established at the October 25, 2010, PWB meeting and design is under way. The county has completed its bidding phase and held a groundbreaking ceremony to begin construction on July 6, 2011.

**San Diego County Jail:**

This county- and state-funded jail project will provide 1,270 new jail beds at a cost of approximately \$287 million. The project was established at the December 13, 2010 PWB meeting and construction is set to begin in 2013.

**Solano County Jail:**

This county- and state-funded project will provide 362 new beds at an estimated cost of \$82 million. This project is tentatively scheduled for approval by the PWB in Summer 2011.

***For a state map showing all AB 900 construction projects please see:***

[http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reentry/docs/AB\\_900\\_Map.pdf](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reentry/docs/AB_900_Map.pdf)

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